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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law - Payment for Political Endorsements and Walk-Around**
3 **Services**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain campaign finance entities to pay for certain
5 services by a check drawn from a certain campaign account; requiring campaign
6 finance entities to report certain payments in accordance with certain provisions
7 of law; and generally relating to the payment of political endorsements and
8 walk-around services by campaign finance entities.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Election Law
11 Section 13-245
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2003 Volume and 2003 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article - Election Law**

17 13-245.

18 (a) In this section, "walk-around services" means the following activities if
19 performed for money while the polls are open:

- 20 (1) distributing campaign material;
- 21 (2) stationing a person, including oneself, or an object in the path of a
22 voter;
- 23 (3) electioneering or canvassing as described in § 16-206 of this article;
- 24 (4) communicating in any other manner a voting preference or choice; or
- 25 (5) performing any other service as a poll worker or distributor of sample
26 ballots.

1 (b) This section does not apply to:

- 2 (1) meals, beverages, and refreshments served to campaign workers;
- 3 (2) salaries of regularly employed personnel in campaign headquarters;
- 4 (3) media advertising, including newspaper, radio, television, billboard,
5 or aerial advertising;
- 6 (4) rent and regular office expenses; or
- 7 (5) the cost of telephoning voters or transporting voters to and from
8 polling places.

9 (c) (1) A campaign finance entity, or a person acting on its behalf, [may not
10 at any time, directly or indirectly, pay or incur an obligation to pay, and a person may
11 not, directly or indirectly, receive any money or thing of value, for:

12 (1) a political endorsement; or

13 (2) walk-around services] THAT PAYS ANY PERSON FOR A POLITICAL
14 ENDORSEMENT OR WALK-AROUND SERVICES SHALL MAKE ALL PAYMENTS BY
15 CHECK FROM A CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT DESIGNATED UNDER § 13-220(A) OF THIS
16 SUBTITLE.

17 (2) ALL PAYMENTS MADE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION
18 SHALL BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 13-304 OF THIS TITLE.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 July 1, 2004.